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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 1. This sheet, which includes FIG. 1 replaces the original sheet including FIG. 1. In FIG. 1, the label PRIOR ART has been added.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and re-examination are hereby requested.

The specification has been amended to point out that the valve is 26 not 46 thereby correcting a typographical error.

Replacement sheet having FIG. 1 is attached such replacement sheet labeling such FIG. 1 as PRIOR ART.

Claims 1 and 12 have been cancelled.

The allowance of claims 4-11 is acknowledged.

Claim 2 has been re-written into independent form. The objection to claim 2 as not having clear antecedent basis for the term coupler is nit understood.

Claim 3 has been amended to clarify that electromagnet coupled to the armature.

Claim 2 and 3 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Ray (U. S. Patent No. 3,108,777). It is respectfully submitted that Ray does not describe or suggest a hydraulic coupler for coupling the armature to the valve with motion of the armature in one direction moving the valve in a different direction, as claimed in claim 2.

Claims 2 and 3 stand rejected as being anticipated by Kodama (US Patent Application Publication 2003/0160197). US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0160197 does not suggest a hydraulic coupler for coupling the armature to the valve with motion of the armature in one direction moving the valve in a different direction, as claimed in claim 2.

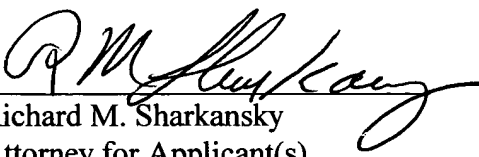
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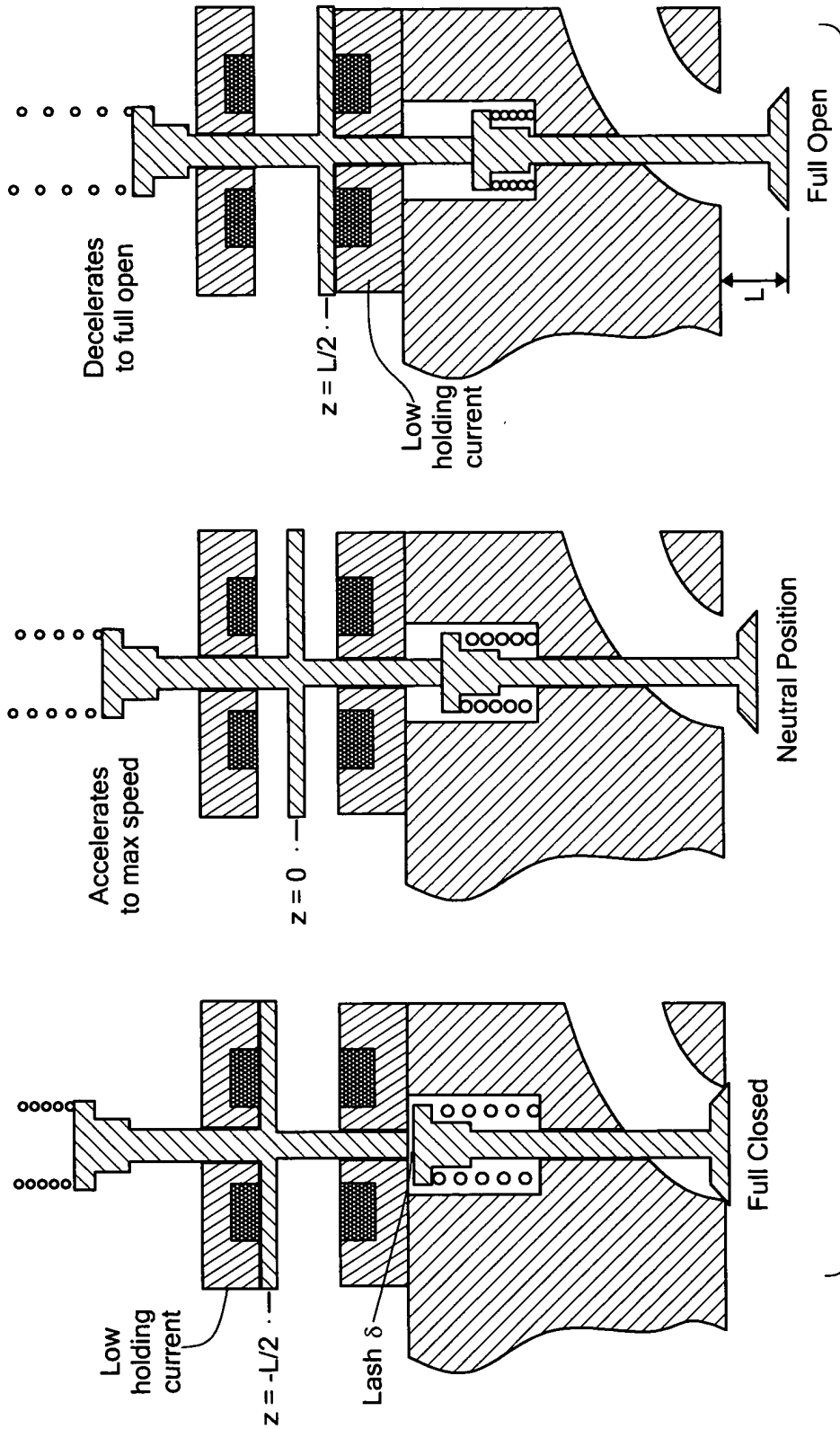


FIG. 1

PRIOR ART